OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC # 393-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the dity Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

October 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Homeless Awareness Day Breakfast

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to notify you that the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust will be recognizing the work of our City's Homeless Outreach Team at its *2013 Homeless Awareness Day Breakfast* on November 14th at 8am at the Chapman Conference Center, Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus. The Conference Center is located at 300 NE Second Avenue, Building 3 in Miami.

According to the Homeless Trust, "On any given day, (these) professionals comb the streets in often dangerous situations to assist people experiencing Homelessness. These men and women save lives and change futures." Our Outreach Team is responsible for engaging homeless persons, assessing their needs and providing them with shelter and/or family reunification services. Last year, the Team:

- Reunited 83 people with family and friends
- Completed 5,268 contacts (encounters)
- Provided 628 shelter placements
- Conducted 36 presentations to the public
- Transitioned 19 people to permanent housing

The City's Homeless Outreach Team is comprised of:

- Felipe Requiera, Program Coordinator
- Alexandra Gorfinkel
- Boringuen (Bo) Hall
- Sadia Joseph
- Alexis Leon
- Gisselle Williams

In addition to recognizing the City's Outreach Team, the event will celebrate the Trust's 20th anniversary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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